

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 17 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sarbadhikari et al. (US 5,477,264) in view of Parulski et al. (US 6,573,927).

Claims 3-4 and 11-12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In this response, Applicants traverse the 103(a) rejection. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

The present application claims the priority of US 6,573,927 (Parulski et al.), which is the secondary reference cited by the Examiner in the rejection of claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 17 under 35 USC 103(a). Accordingly, the Parulski et al. reference is not prior art relative to the present application.

In view of the fact that the Parulski et al. reference is not prior art relative to the present application, the 103(a) rejection is believed to be improper and should be withdrawn. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 17 should thus be indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Dependent claims 3-4 and 11-12 are believed to be allowable at least due to their dependency on claims 1 and 10, respectively.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call to attend to these matters.

In view of the foregoing, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Pamela R. Crocker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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